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In re application of:

David A. Johnson, et al.

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For: AMINOALKYL GLUCOSAMINE
PHOSPHATE COMPOUNDS AND
THEIR USE AS ADJUVANTS AND
IMMUNOEFFECTORS

Examiner: Park

Art Unit: 1648

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 AND
TERMINAL DISCLAIMER

EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1648

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Sir:

This is filed in response to the Office Action dated November 17, 2003, which contained a Final Rejection of claims.

Claims 50 and 51 are objected to as duplicative of claims 52 and 53. However, the claims are not duplicative. Claims 50 and 51 are dependent on claim 27 and are directed to solid compositions that contain pharmaceutically acceptable salts of active compounds, whereas claims 52 and 53 are directed to solid compositions that contain the active compounds themselves.

Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

All claims stand rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over the claims of two patents. The examiner takes that position that the claimed salts are not patentably distinct from the claimed compounds or compositions of the two patents in question.

While Applicants do not agree with this position, a Terminal Disclaimer is submitted herewith in order to expedite issuance of a patent on this application.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants David A. Johnson, et al. submit that all claims herein are allowable and request issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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